New **Army Doctrine**

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the aims and objectives of the new Army Doctrine approved by the Army Headquarters;

(b) what basic approach the Army Doctrine provides with regard to various aspects relating to war,

(c) whether similar war Doctrines have been developed by the Air Force and Navy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) The objective of the Indian Army Doctrine is to lay down the basic approach for important aspects related to war. The doctrine *inter-alia* includes the following:—

(a) The roles and tasks of the Indian Army in the prevailing geo-political economic and security environments.

(b) An overview of various forms of conflicts, types of wars, principles of war and conduct of various types of operations.

(c) Issues relating to force structuring, training, logistics and military ethos.

(d) Operations other than war like low intensity conflict, counter insurgency and United Nations Peacekeeping operations.

The Indian Air Force Doctrine is based on the study of military history, principles of war, combat leadership and the application of air power. The aim of the Doctrine is to serve as a referral book for the execution of air campaigns and operations.

The Indian Navy's Maritime doctrine seeks to provide a common vocabulary and a uniform understanding of maritime concepts with a view to ensuring steady progress towards achieving the country's maritime aspiration, in view of rapidly changing political, technological and geo-strategic events in the world.